

THE COURTS.

Important Argument Relative to Trades Unions. The Pilot Commissioners Powers Sustained.

William Walker, a colored boy, was yesterday committed for examination by Commissioner Shields on a charge of breaking open the letter-box at the corner of Broome and Sullivan streets. Judge Davis, of the Supreme Court, decided yesterday in a matter recently brought before him as to whether or not the letter-box was a public improvement, the same as other real estate. In the suit of Thornton vs. the St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroad Company and others, the facts of which have been fully given in the HERALD, Judge Robinson, of the Court of Common Pleas, before whom, at Equity Term, the case was recently tried, gave his decision yesterday. He dismisses the complaint except as to the railroad company, as to which judgment is given for \$100,000, with interest from December 31, 1867, unless trial by jury is demanded by the company on the conditions specified in the opinion.

IMPORTANT QUESTION CONCERNING TRADES UNIONS.

In November, 1873, James Doyle, a member of the Society of Operative Masons, was expelled for working for less than "society wages." He went before the society and proved his innocence of the charge, when, he claims, there was sprung upon him another charge of having gone on a "struck job." This charge, he says, was made against him without due notice, as required by the by-laws. Notwithstanding this, the society expelled him from its ranks. He then applied to the Supreme Court, Chambers, Judge Davis decided yesterday that the society was expelled from its ranks. He then applied to the Supreme Court, Chambers, Judge Davis decided yesterday that the society was expelled from its ranks.

BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS.

Thomas Conley and two other pilots some time since built a boat and applied to the Pilot Commissioners to have the same numbered and added to the Sandy Hook pilot boats. This the Pilot Commissioners refused to do, having passed a by-law limiting the number of boats. Upon this, an application was made to Judge Davis, at Supreme Court, Chambers, for a peremptory mandamus against the Pilot Commissioners, directing them to add this boat to the list of pilot boats. Judge Davis gave his decision in the case yesterday.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE SMUGGLING CASE.

Yesterday, in the United States Circuit Court, No. 27 Chambers street, before Judge Benedict and the jury, the trial of David P. Harris, the Custom House inspector who is indicted for having aided in the smuggling of 20,000 cigars from Havana into this port, was resumed. Mr. S. G. Courtney summed up the testimony on behalf of the defendant, contending that the evidence for the prosecution was that of a lot of witnesses, some of whom were accomplices of the defendant. He contended that the evidence for the defendant was that of a lot of witnesses, some of whom were accomplices of the defendant. He contended that the evidence for the defendant was that of a lot of witnesses, some of whom were accomplices of the defendant.

SMUGGLING A LONDON INSURANCE COMPANY.

The hearing of the case of the American Merchants' Union Express Company vs. the Imperial Insurance Company of London was resumed yesterday, in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Wallace and a jury. As already reported in the HERALD, the action was brought by the plaintiffs against the defendants to recover the amount of a policy of insurance effected on a quantity of goods which the plaintiffs were transporting from Albany to the city on one of the trains of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, and which goods, it was alleged, were destroyed by a conflagration of petroleum caused by a collision of trains on the railroad in question. The facts and pleadings in the suit have been already published in the HERALD. Judge Wallace directed a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$5,398.44, and the jury found accordingly.

A RUSSIAN LADY AND HER LACES.

In the year 1869 a Russian lady of considerable distinction was travelling in this country on the New York Central Railroad between Albany and Niagara Falls. Her name is Olga de Malina. While on that journey one of her trunks, containing laces which she valued at about \$25,000, was stolen from her. The thief was traced to the city, and the lady was induced to sue against the railroad company to recover her laces. The case was tried before Judge Woodruff and a jury. The result was a verdict for the plaintiff and a judgment for \$25,000. The case was tried before Judge Woodruff and a jury. The result was a verdict for the plaintiff and a judgment for \$25,000.

THE CASE OF CARL VOGT.

In the case of Carl Vogt, who is accused of the murder and robbery of the Count de Bois de Bianca, at Brussels, and whose extradition on a charge is demanded by the Belgian government, a considerable amount of testimony, oral and written, was taken yesterday before Commissioner Kenneth G. White. The examination was adjourned to Saturday afternoon, when, it is expected, the prosecution will be able to finish their testimony.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART 1.

Before Judge Van Vorst. In the assessment for paving First street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson River, Bernard Mayer paid an assessment on the wrong lot. He tried to have the mistake remedied, but to his repeated applications to have the money thus erroneously paid refunded to him the city authorities refused. He then brought a suit against the city and the case was tried yesterday. The proof was clear and positive, and a judgment was given for \$224, being the full amount claimed, with interest.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART 3.

Before Judge Lawrence. In the assessment for paving First street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson River, Bernard Mayer paid an assessment on the wrong lot. He tried to have the mistake remedied, but to his repeated applications to have the money thus erroneously paid refunded to him the city authorities refused. He then brought a suit against the city and the case was tried yesterday. The proof was clear and positive, and a judgment was given for \$224, being the full amount claimed, with interest.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Brady. Stewart vs. Manhattan Bank Company. Gowdy vs. Campbell. Memorandum. Levy vs. Baltic Lloyd Steamship Company. Memorandum. Matter of Surin vs. Al. Motion denied, with \$10 costs. Matter of Surin vs. Al. Motion denied, with \$10 costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Judge Curtis. Chapman vs. O'Brien. Sheriff et al. Case and amendments settled and ordered on file. By Order of Justice Monell. Stowell vs. Kelly et al. Motion denied, with costs.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Judge Donohue. Nos. 21, 72, 74, 110, 122, 130, 135, 140, 142, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000, 1005, 1010, 1015, 1020, 1025, 1030, 1035, 1040, 1045, 1050, 1055, 1060, 1065, 1070, 1075, 1080, 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